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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Lalita M. Hamilton	3691	

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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 October 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Summary

On October 7, 2005, the Applicant filed a request for reconsideration. On February 6, 2006, the Applicant was sent an Advisory Action reopening prosecution. A non-final action follows.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Dykstra (5,611,052).

Dykstra discloses a method and corresponding module and computer-readable medium for processing loan information comprising an issuing bank issuing a credit in favor of a beneficiary upon application by an applicant (loan approved by issuing bank), an advising bank advising said credit to said beneficiary (credit bureau), a nominated bank receiving at least one document presented under the credit for at least one of payment, acceptance, and negotiation, where said nominated bank and said issuing bank have agreed to program conditions pursuant to which said nominated bank (bank receiving loan approval information), based upon its own examination of said document and before said document is forwarded to, received, and accepted by the issuing bank, will at least one of pay, accept, and negotiate said credit with no or limited recourse to

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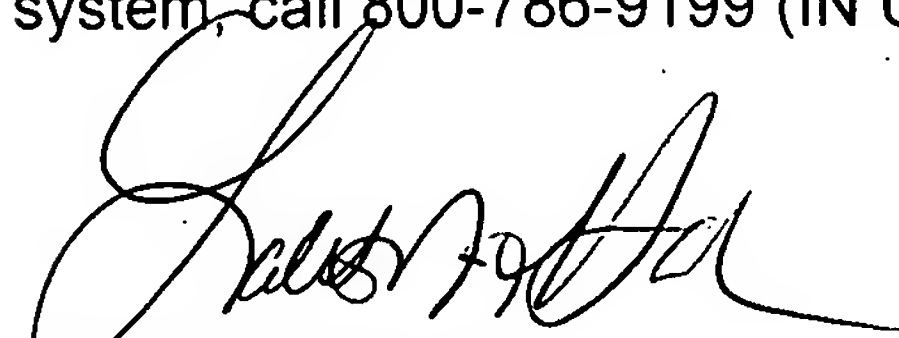
said issuing bank for discrepancies in said document, and said nominated bank examining said document for conformity to stipulated documents specified in said credit; and where said document is determined to be in conformity with said stipulated documents, and where provided in said program conditions, said nominated bank at least one of paying, accepting, and negotiating said credit with no or limited recourse to said issuing bank for discrepancies in said document (col.4, line 60 to col.5, line 22 and col.6, line 55 to col.7, line 42); credit is restricted for negotiation to an office maintained by said nominated bank (col.4, line 60 to col.5, line 22 and col.6, line 55 to col.7, line 42); credit is not restricted for negotiation to an office maintained by said nominated bank, and wherein said nominated bank is designated as a reimbursing bank, further comprising: at least one intermediary bank receiving said document; and said intermediary bank forwarding said document to said nominated bank for at least one of examination, payment, acceptance, and negotiation (col.4, line 60 to col.5, line 22 and col.6, line 55 to col.7, line 42); nominating bank confirms said credit (col.4, line 60 to col.5, line 22 and col.6, line 55 to col.7, line 42); and document is determined to be discrepant, further comprising: requesting a waiver of the discrepancy from said issuing bank as provided in said program conditions; and where said waiver is obtained, said nominated bank at least one of paying, accepting, and negotiating said credit with no or limited recourse to said issuing bank for other discrepancies in said document, or where not obtained, said nominated bank disposing of said document as provided in said program conditions without at least one of payment, acceptance, and negotiation (col.4, line 60 to col.5, line 22 and col.6, line 55 to col.7, line 42).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lalita M. Hamilton whose telephone number is (571) 272-6743. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Thursday (6:30-2:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kalinowski Alexander can be reached on (571) 272-6771. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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